

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Kurganov et al.

Atty Docket: 47242-  
00028USPT

Serial No.: 09/777,406

Group Art: 2661

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Examiner: Unknown

Title: PERSONAL VOICE-BASED  
INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

**DECLARATION OF DAMIEN HUGHES**

I, Damien Hughes, declare as follows:

1. I am an employee of Jenkins & Gilchrist. I am a clerk in the Offices Services Department of the Chicago Office.

2. One of my daily responsibilities is to gather all Express Mail packages for the day and deliver them to the U.S. Post Office.

3. The normal procedure of the Office Services Department is to gather all Express Mail packages by 5:00 p.m. These packages are then taken to the U.S. Post Office location known as the "Loop Station" at 211 S. Clark St., Chicago, Illinois 60604, which is only about 6 blocks from our offices. Typically, the delivery to this Post Office is done around 5:45 p.m.

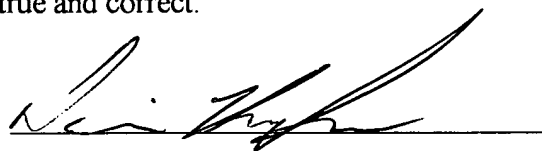
4. On rare occasions, I deliver packages to the U.S. Post Office location known as the "Chicago Central Facility" located at 433 W. Harrison St. Chicago, Illinois 60607. I only take mail packages to this location if the Loop Station location has closed, which occurs at 6:00 p.m. The Chicago Central Facility Post Office location is nearly two miles away from our offices.

5. I signed the "Certificate of Mailing" on the cover page of the application with Attorney Docket No. 47242-00028USPT which is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Declaration. I also signed the "Certificate of Mailing" for the "Patent Application Transmittal Letter" for Attorney Docket No. 47242-00028USPT which is attached as Exhibit 2 of this Declaration. I have been informed that this application has been assigned application serial number 09/777,406 by the U.S. Patent Office.

6. While I do not specifically recall depositing this application (Attorney Docket No. 47242-00028USPT) with the U.S. Post Office, I do recall receiving several patent applications from Russell Genet on February 5, 2001 for deposit with the U.S. Post Office. I also note that both Certificates of Mailing which I signed indicate that the documents were deposited on February 5, 2001.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 10-9-01

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damien Hughes", written over a horizontal line.

Damien Hughes